

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes         
no **X**

Property Name: Thomas (Windy Knoll) Farm Inventory Number: M:20-19

Address: 9201 Darnestown Road City: Rockville Zip Code:           

County: Montgomery USGS Topographic Map: Rockville

Owner: Fallsgrove & Associates

Tax Parcel Number:            Tax Map Number:            Tax Account ID Number:           

Project: Residential Development Agency: COE Permit

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no        yes        Name:                                  Date:           

Eligibility recommended        Eligibility **not** recommended **X**

Criteria:        A        B        C        D        Considerations:        A        B        C        D        E        F        G        None

Is the property located within a historic district? X no        yes        Name of district:                                 

Is district listed?        no        yes        Determined eligible?        no        yes        District Inventory Number:                                 

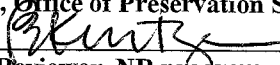
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review & Compliance Files and MIHP Book

**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination:** *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The 254 acre Thomas (Windy Knoll) Farm is located between Gaithersburg and Rockville and is bounded by Key West Avenue, Darnestown Road and Shady Grove Road. There are 14 structures, including six houses, on the Thomas (Windy Knoll) Farm. There are a number of generic farm buildings on the farm that are utilitarian frame structures on concrete block foundations and they lack architectural distinction and the characteristics that embody distinguishing features of significant purpose-built or general use farm buildings. The largest building on the farm is the undistinguished bank barn which has a concrete block foundation, post and beam framing in the hay loft, vertical siding (much of it not original), and a metal roof. There are steel milking stations and some steel columns in the lower level, along with some wooden support posts. There are no louvered ventilation openings, and no ventilator. The windows in the lower level are steel. This barn may be an older (early-twentieth century) barn that was altered over the years and retrofitted for milking cows. Or, possibly, the framing from the "original barn" was reused to build this barn on a concrete foundation, which appears to date after 1930.

Across the road and up the hill from the barn is a corn crib/equipment shed. It sits on a concrete block foundation, was built with galvanized joist hangers, has a metal roof, and likely dates from the 1960s. This building lacks architectural distinction.

Adjacent to the corn crib/equipment shed is a building with an older concrete block foundation (the blocks have beveled edges, a different coloration, and were made of a different aggregate). Its standing seam metal roof appears older than the other metal

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Analysis prepared by Anne H. Adams, Architectural Historian, Wilkes, Artis, Hedrick & Lane Chartered. With assistance from Mary L. Oehrlein, preservation architect.	
Patricia M. Blick	December 4, 2000
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
	12/8/00
Reviewer, NR program	Date

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roofs on the farm. There is a mid-century chimney on the south side of the structure. This building probably dates from the 1930s or 1940s lacks distinctive features and is in poor condition.

There is a small garage across the driveway from the dairyman's/farm manager's house. It also sits on older concrete block and has a dirt floor. Rodents have burrowed under the foundation in several places and the siding is in very poor condition. The asphalt shingle roof is in poor condition, and the doors are new. The building probably dates from the 1920, and lacks architectural distinction.

The Thomas/Main House at Thomas (Windy Knoll) Farm is the primary residence on the property. The vast majority of the brick house dates from the mid-twentieth century. It is an accumulation of parts, presenting no clear stylistic expression and lacking attention to detail. The exact dating of each part is difficult to firmly establish. It appears that a small one-and-a-half story brick house (possibly nineteenth-century) is the earliest part of the house and was possibly the only part of the house standing when Mr. & Mrs. Thomas purchased the farm in 1933. Its interior has been totally remodeled; the remaining woodwork and stair appear to date from the 1930s or 1940s. The north kitchen wing was likely the first addition. Subsequently, possibly in the 1950s, the largest piece of the house was added to the west. The two-and-a-half-story, three-bay addition contained the main stair and the formal living space in the house. Later additions likely from the 1960s and the 1970s to the west of the 1950s addition and to the east of the original part of the house, and the enclosure of the front porch of the original house contributed to its ad hoc appearance. The first floor of the house is in extremely deteriorated and vandalized condition. Much of the woodwork has been removed, ceilings have collapsed, and moisture has caused extensive damage. The structure is based upon a 19<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse but it has been built around and added onto to the point that it's separate identity as a building of its period has been lost. In addition, the house, which may qualify as an example of a country estate developed from 1930 to 1960, does not have a consistent architectural style or floor plan. The interior was renovated and most, if not all 19<sup>th</sup> century interior features were removed. The interior has been vandalized and stripped of any remaining details. The main house has been substantially altered from its 19<sup>th</sup> century beginnings.

There are five other houses on the property, four of which were associated with the operation of the farm during the Thomas' ownership of the property. One of the houses is known as the "Allen Selby" house. This turn-of-the century frame house is sheathed with beaded ship-lap siding, and on the addition, German siding. The house was determined ineligible for the National Register of Historic places in 1996.

There are two farm laborer houses at the intersection of Key West Avenue and Shady Grove Road. One is a small c. 1925 frame house the other appears to be a mid-twentieth century masonry house. Both houses have been physically separated from the farm by the construction on an out parcel of a mid-rise office building. Their relationship to the farm has been compromised. They lack architectural and historic significance.

Another house was constructed in the mid-1950s for one of the Thomas' sons. It lacks the age and architectural significance to qualify it for listing on the Maryland/National registers.

The last house on the farm is known as the dairyman's house. The farm manager lived there during the Thomas years. The house may have been built in the early twentieth century. It was moved from another location on the property and placed on a new cinder block foundation. The original German siding was covered with asbestos shingles, likely in the 1930s. The structure is unremarkable and there is no evidence that the house has any historic significance.

According to testimony by the staff analysis of the City of Rockville Historic District Commission, Thomas (Windy Knoll) Farm is not significant to Montgomery County or to the Nation. It stated that the main house, farm buildings, and associated structures do not meet the criteria for designation as architecturally, historically, or culturally significant to the City of Rockville. None of the houses on the property or the farm buildings – individually or collectively – are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Some of the buildings are less than fifty years, of those that are over fifty years old, none is architecturally or historically significant. The houses are not significant examples of any period or style. The generic farm buildings lack distinguishing features and do not convey meaningful information about the past.

The main house is neither a good example of the traditional, historical designs popular throughout the century or of trends of mid-twentieth century design. The farm and its buildings have no national or state significance. Montgomery County has

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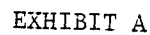
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determined that the property and buildings have no county significance. There is nothing about the property that gives it identifiable significance on the local level.

Prepared by: Patricia Blick

Date Prepared: December 4, 2000





**1. Thomas House - Windy Knoll Farm**

South/main facade



**2. Thomas House - Windy Knoll Farm**

South/main facade looking east toward  
original part of house

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**3. Thomas House - Windy Knoll Farm**

Post-1950 garage addition



4. Thomas House - Windy Knoll Farm

c. 1960 enclosed porch

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5. Thomas Farm - Windy Knoll  
Farm  
detail, rear facade

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**6. Thomas House**

Interior of c. 1960 enclosed porch

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**7. Thomas House**

Interior, first floor, original part of house

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**8. Thomas House**

Interior, first floor stair hall, 1950s addition

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9. Thomas House

Basement, 1950s addition

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**10. Thomas House**

Attic from 1950s addition to subsequent  
addition

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**11. "Selby House"**

(c.1900) with mid-rise office building to  
north

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**12. "Selby House"**

Back of house with addition and post-1950  
chimney



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**13. Frame Tenant House**

c.1925



**14. Frame Tenant House**

Back of house

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**15. Masonry Tenant House**

Mid-twentieth century



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**18. Dairyman's/Farm Manager's House**

c.1900



**19. Dairyman's/Farm Manager's House**

Front porch floor and railing, c.1970

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21. Barn

North side



22. Barn

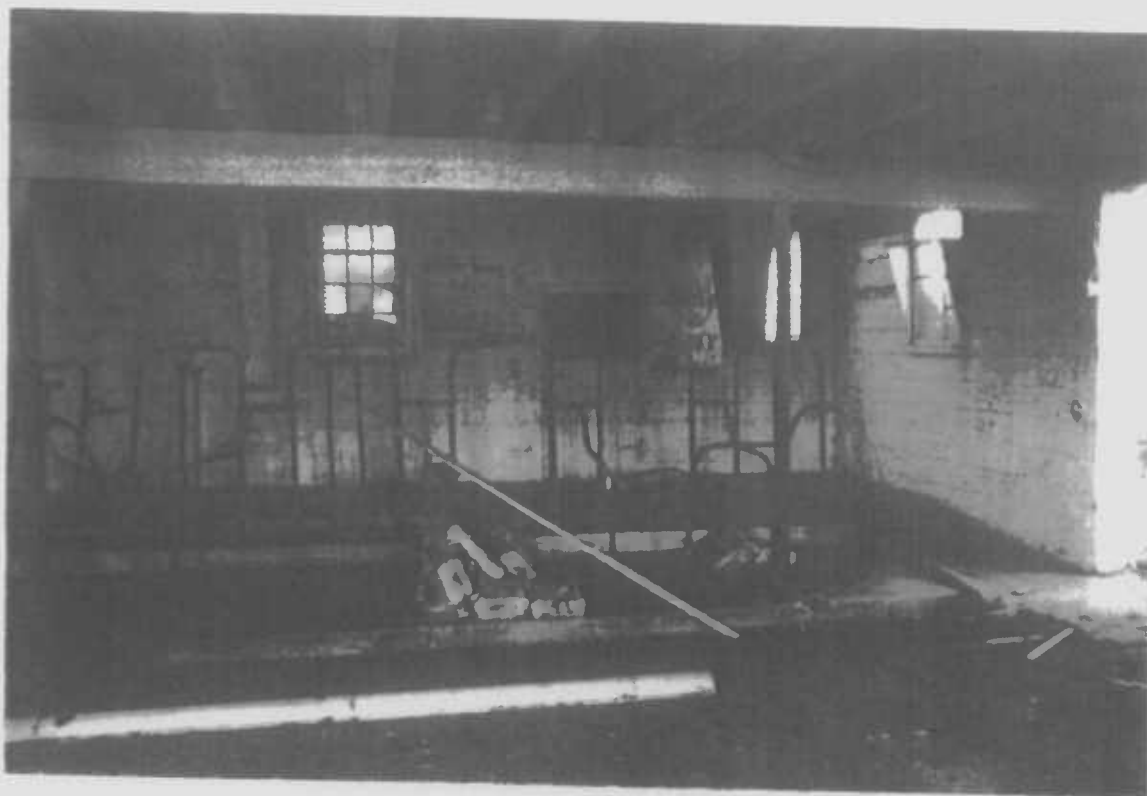
South side - remains of later shed addition

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23. Barn

Door to lower level



24. Barn

Interior of lower level, with steel columns  
and milking stations

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**25. Barn**

Wood structure of lower level with  
evidence of insect damage



**26. Corn Crib/Equipment Shed**

c.1960s



**27. Corn Crib/Equipment Shed**

c.1960s

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**28. Corn Crib/Equipment shed**

Modern cement block and galvanized joist  
hangers

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**29. Farm Building**

c.1930s-1940s

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30. Farm Building

Later brick chimney

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31. Farm Building

Interior

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32. Garage

c.1920s

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**33. Garage**

Interior, moisture damage and dry rot

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**34. Garage**

Interior, dirt floor, vegetation, and animal  
holes

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

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(date entered 5-13-80)

1. Name: Windy Knoll Farm

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 20/19 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 15  
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4. Address: 9201 Darnestown Road, Rockville

## 5. Classification Summary

Category	<u>building, site</u>	Previous Survey Recording	<u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership	<u>private</u>	Title and Date:	<u>1976 Inventory of</u>
Public Acquisition	<u>N/A</u>		<u>Historical Sites</u>
Status	<u>occupied</u>		
Accessible	<u>no</u>	Federal	<u>State</u> <u>x</u> <u>County</u> <u>x</u> <u>Local</u>
Present use	<u>agriculture, private</u>	residence	

6. Date:

7. Original Owner:

## 8. Apparent Condition

a. excellent b. altered c. original site

9. Description: The original farmhouse built on this site was a small three bay, one-and-a-half story brick house, facing south. A north ell was then added. A three bay, two-and-a-half story addition was built to the west; this was expanded by a two bay two-and-a-half story addition to the west. An enclosed breezeway leads from this section to an enclosed brick gazebo which faces north. The south porch with a shed roof of the original house has been enclosed as a sunroom. The entire house is now painted yellow. East of the original house is an enclosed breezeway which leads to the three car garage. The original house has six-over-six double-hung windows. The two west sections have eight-over-eight and six-over-nine double-hung windows. The gable roofs and hipped roof of the west gazebo are covered by black asbestos shingles.

10. Significance: This property was a farm of Samuel T. Stonestreet, a prominent Montgomery Countian in the mid-19th century. Stonestreet was clerk of the County court and built his main residence in Rockville. He owned several farms in the Rockville area, among them a farm of 170 acres on the east side of Shady Grove Road and Route 28, and another on the west side. There were apparently houses on both properties, and people who remember the houses believe they were both torn down many years ago.

The property was conveyed to George M. Fry and James W. McFarland in 1884, to William Elwood Wilt, then Willis B. Bowers, and since 1933 has been owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Thomas who also bought the Stonestreet property on the west side of Shady Grove Road. After Mr. Thomas's death in 1966, Mrs. Thomas sold 220 acres of the 244.53 acres she owned on the west side of Shady Grove Road for development. The farm manager believes that Mrs. Thomas' brick residence is not more than 40 years old. The dairyman's two story frame house was moved up on the hill from its original location, and could conceivably be an original Stonestreet house.

1. Researcher and date researched: Carlotta Anderson-10/79

Candy Reed  
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation  
Approval

15. Acreage: 282.06 acres

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Stonestreet Property

AND/OR COMMON

Windy Knoll Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

9201 Darnestown Road

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

☒ VICINITY OF Shady Grove Rd. 8

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Katherine G. Thomas

Farm Manager

Clarence Pearson

(h) 424-1226

Telephone #: (o) 762-0050

STREET &amp; NUMBER

9201 Darnestown Road

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 20850**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 3551 562

Folio #: 428 122

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The original house built on this site was a small three bay, one and a half story brick house. It probably faced south and a north ell was added some time later. A three bay, two and a half story addition was built to the west of the original farm house and, later, a two bay two and a half story west addition was erected. An enclosed breezeway with a balustraded roof leads from the extreme west section to an enclosed brick gazebo which faces north to the expansive gardens and grounds behind the house. East of the original house is an enclosed breezeway with a balustraded roof similar to that on the west elevation, which leads to the three car garage. The entire extended house is now painted pale yellow.

The south porch of the original section has a shed roof. It is a glass enclosed sun room. There is a wooden paneled door surmounted by a three light transom which leads into the original farm house from this porch. There is a brick patio along the south elevation. Flanking the north ell of the original house are two clapboarded one story lean-to additions. The west lean-to has a flat roof enclosed by a balustraded railing. A north glass and wooden paneled door leads into this addition.

The original section has six-over-six windows set into flat arches on the south elevation. The north ell and three gabled dormers on the south elevation and one gabled dormer on the north elevation are six-over-six double-hung windows. The north ell has a shed roof dormer with two six-over-six double-hung windows on the east elevation. The middle three bay section has eight-over-eight double-hung windows set into round headed arches and the west two bay section has six-over-nine double-hung windows. Most windows are flanked by yellow wooden louvered shutters.

The house has several gable roofs, as well as the hipped roof above the gazebo, covered by black asbestos shingles. The center section has a denticulated cornice line. There are seven chimneys: the original house has an east and west interior end chimney and a north exterior end chimney. The middle three bay section also has east and west interior end chimneys. There is a north exterior chimney and an extreme west exterior end chimney attached to the gazebo.

Windy Knoll Farm has beautifully landscaped grounds. There is a stand of maples which flank the road leading from Darnestown Road to the house. The house itself is banked and defined by rows of boxwoods. North of the house is a rose garden and to the west is a stand of Norway pines. The gardens close to the house are precisely designed and laid.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Local History	

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Samuel T. Stonestreet, clerk of the Montgomery County court in the mid-1800's, came to Rockville from Loudoun County, Virginia at the age of 15,<sup>1</sup> married Adelaide Josephine Ambler Hall on December 15, 1829 and died August 24, 1897.<sup>2</sup> He had two sons, Edward Elisha and Thomas Wilson, and built a brick house at the corner of E. Montgomery Avenue and Monroe Street in Rockville, which was his primary residence. Nevertheless, he was listed in Boyd's History in 1879 as a farmer<sup>3</sup> and he owned several farms in the Rockville area. Among them was a farm of 170 acres on the east side of Shady Grove Road at its intersection with Rt. 28, and another farm on the west side of Shady Grove Road at the same intersection.<sup>4</sup> There were apparently houses on both properties, both of which are referred to by people who remember them as "Stonestreet" houses, and both of which were, by the accounts of the same people, probably torn down many years ago.

At one time Mrs. Katherine G. Thomas, current owner of Windy Knoll Farm, and her husband owned both properties, but in 1966, after the death of her husband, she apportioned 220 acres of the 244.53 acres she owned on the west side of Shady Grove Road for sale and development.<sup>5</sup> This land was subsequently sold to the County and there is currently a hospital, police academy and juvenile center on the site. The "Stonestreet" house once located there was once occupied by Stonestreet's son, Thomas Wilson, according to Samuel Stonestreet's great-grandson.<sup>6</sup> It was later owned by William Elwood and Annie Rebecca Wilt and Wilt's nephew remembers it as a small, two-story frame house.<sup>7</sup> Later it was the property of Wayland W. Spilman, who sold it to the Thomases in 1941.<sup>8</sup> According to the manager of Windy Knoll Farm, from 1937 to the present, farm hands lived in the house from 1940-45, when it was torn down.<sup>9</sup>

On the east side of Shady Grove Road at the intersection with Rt. 28 stands Windy Knoll Farm, a working dairy farm. Mrs. Thomas lives there in a large brick house, which, according to the farm manager has been added to three times and is not over 40 years old. He says it looks older because old bricks were used in its construction.<sup>10</sup> No one I contacted who remembers the old Stonestreet house thinks it was built of brick, so there is no reason to question this statement, although Dr. Stonestreet's great-grandson thinks it is an old house that Mrs. Thomas built onto.<sup>11</sup> Wilt's nephew, who is also the grandson of George M. Fry, who bought the 70 acres from Stonestreet in 1884 for \$9,500,<sup>12</sup> thinks the original house was part stone and part frame and that his grandfather added to it.<sup>13</sup> Another person who remembers the house thinks it was frame and to the east of Mrs. Thomas' house, which he believes she built.<sup>14</sup> Interestingly, there is currently a two-story frame house on the property which was moved up on

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the hill from its original location and is now the residence of the dairyman.<sup>15</sup> It has four bedrooms, living room and kitchen and was once the home of Willis and Lulu Bowers, who sold the property to the Thomases in 1933.<sup>16</sup> There is new siding on it and the manager of Windy Knoll Farm does not know how old it is.<sup>17</sup> It could conceivably be an original Stonestreet house.

To recapitulate the ownership of this property on the east side of Shady Grove Road, it was conveyed to Stonestreet in 1845,<sup>18</sup> to George M. Fry and James W. McFarland in 1884,<sup>19</sup> to William Elwood Wilt (who previously had owned the former Stonestreet property across Shady Grove Road), to Willis B. Bowers in 1925,<sup>20</sup> and to Charles M. Thomas in 1933.

#### FOOTNOTES

1. Portrait and Biographical Record of the Sixth Congressional District, Maryland, Chapman Publishing Co., N.Y. 1898.
2. Stonestreet geneology, Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville, originally from National Intelligencer, Dec. 21, 1829.
3. History of Montgomery County, Maryland, from its earliest settlement in 1650-1879, T.H.S. Boyd, 1879.
4. Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, EBP 6/481, (May 21, 1845; recorded October 26, 1869), 210/152 and 154 (October 13, 1909 and September 10, 1909).
5. Ibid., 3551/428 (September 19, 1966).
6. Interview with Dr. William Linthicum, great-grandson of Samuel T. Stonestreet, 110 S. Washington, St., Rockville, phone 762-4000.
7. Interview with Edwin D. Fry, nephew of William Elwood Wilt, 5929 Sundown Road, Gaithersburg, phone 926-1226.
8. Montgomery County Land Records, 836/448 (August 4, 1941).
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13. Interview with Edwin D. Fry.
14. Interview with Judge Thomas M. Anderson, 39 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville, Md., phone 762-2458.
15. Interview with Clarence Pearson.
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 Thomas Anderson  
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Sept.-Oct., 1979.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 282.06 acres

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Route 28 and east side of Shady Grove Road

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE

Carlotta Anderson

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

DATE

October 1979

TELEPHONE

926-4510

STATE

Maryland 20753

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Windy Knoll Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Rte. 28

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- ☒ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- ☒ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- ☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

- ☒ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☒ PARK  
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Charles M. Thomas

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Rte. 28 (Windy Knoll Farm)

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #:

Folio #:

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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✓  
— EXCELLENT  
— GOOD  
— FAIR

## CONDITION

— DETERIORATED  
— RUINS  
— UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

— UNALTERED  
✓ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

✓ ORIGINAL SITE  
— MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old part of the house...

is a large, two-story brick structure, facing south, with a one-story, brick wing attached to the east end. There are several, brick, enclosed porches (on the southwest) and wings added on the west. The entire house is painted brick, and at first glance appears to be of 20th Century vintage. However, the center part of the house is a three-bay structure of rough, hand-made brick, laid in common bond. The doors and windows have been altered, so as to accomodate newer sash, and the windows on the main (south) facade and gable ends have curving arches, formed by one course of headers. The area within the arch is filled in with slightly-recessed, straight courses of brick. There are square, wooden panels beneath the windows on the front of the house. Many of these features represent changes made to the house over the years, but the basic old house is seen best at the gable ends, where the steep "A" roof culminates in wide chimney stacks that are flush with the end walls. These chimneys indicate internal fireplaces at both levels of the house.

It was not possible to examine the house closely at the time of the survey.

There are several notable barns and farm buildings still in use on the property.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 ?	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A substantial, brick house in this neighborhood was owned by James Perry during the 18th Century. Newspapers during the mid-19th Century repeated ads for a brick house on land in the area. The Stonestreet family owned this place during the late-19th Century.

The present owner, Mrs. Thomas, has an immaculate estate here, that is run as a model dairy farm. There is a prize-winning herd of Jersey cows here, that have won many national awards.

The farm is fast being enveloped by development on Shady Grove Road.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

5/7/75

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated May 16, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

The following area sites were reviewed either as part of this Plan or at previous public hearings and were found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. This Plan recommends their removal from the Locational Atlas. Although removed from the Locational Atlas these sites will remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory of State Historical Resources.

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Planning Board Hearing Date</u>
20/1	Remus Dorsey Tenant House**	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/2	Dorsey Cemetery	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/3	Shaw Cemetery	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/5	Snouffer Schoolhouse	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/6	Urah Bowman House**	6/17/82
20/7	Day Farm Barns**	9/25/80
20/8	Emory Grove Camp Meeting Grounds	7/5/83 - 7/6/83
20/9	Emory Grove Methodist Episcopal Church	7/5/83 - 7/6/83
20/10	MINERAL SPRING HOUSES	4/12/84
20/11	SYLVESTER THOMPSON'S STORE	4/12/84
20/12	FIELD'S KING FARM	4/12/84
20/13	WATKINS FARMHOUSE	4/12/84
20/14	Peters House/Monument View Hill	7/22/82
20/15	Gaither/Howes House	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/16	Heater/Crown Farm	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
*20/18	THOMPSON HOUSE**	10/9/83
20/19	Windy Knoll Farm	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/20	Hunting Hill Church	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/22	Hunting Hill Store and Post Office	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/23	Ward/Garrett Cemetery	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
*20/24	Mills House	1/20/83
20/25	Briggs Farm #1**	7/24/80
20/26	BRIGGS FARM #2**	4/12/84
20/27	Pleasant View Church**	6/17/82
20/29	Woodlands Site and Smokehouse	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
*20/30	RAILROAD UNDERPASS	4/12/84

\* Recommended for designation by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission.

\*\* No longer standing.



NAME #20-19 WINDY KNOLL FARM  
LOCATION RTE. 28 + SHADY GROVE RD.,  
FACADE SE CORNER ROCKVILLE, MD.  
PHOTO TAKEN OCT. 1972  
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